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1. One of the principal pronouncements of the forthcoming Volkskammer session will be a generous propaganda offer by Otto Grotewohl for All-German elections.
2. The total blocking of West Berlin from the East Sector, to go into effect on 11 July, is expected to cause a rise in unemployment, prevent HO purchases by low income groups, and to force the reintroduction of food rationing. Although the western occupation will not immediately be affected, the popular discontent resulting from these hardships will lead to demands for the withdrawal of the western powers from Berlin.
3. The Volkskammer will make the following proclamations:
 - a. The establishment of a national army.
 - b. DDR independence, making it equal to Bonn as a negotiating partner and permitting the establishment of limited civil aviation.
 - c. National emergency for all Germany (Notstand fuer Gesamtdeutschland).

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